

REMARKS

Entry of the above amendments requested. With entry of these amendments, claims 3 and 16-24 are now in the case. Claim 3 has been amended. Claims 1, 2, and 4-15 have been canceled. New claims 16-24 have been added.

The above claim amendments have been made in response to the Restriction Requirement and to expedite the prosecution of claims drawn to subject matter of immediate interest to the assignee. These amendments have not been made for reasons related to patentability. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute claims to cancelled subject matter in one or more continuing applications.

Support for new claims 16-24 is found within the specification as filed, including at pages 6, 7, 10, 23-24, and elsewhere.

A copy of amended claim 3, marked to show changes, is included as an Appendix.

Applicants hereby elect Group II. Group II included claims 1-5 (in part), drawn to an isolated polynucleotide encoding polypeptides selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOS:17, 19, and 20-21 and vectors thereof. With entry of the above amendments, claim 3 and 16-24 are believed to correspond to Group II.

If for any reason the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 442-6673.

Respectfully Submitted,



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Enclosures:

- Appendix
- Petition and Fee for Extension of Time (in duplicate)
- Amendment Fee Transmittal (in duplicate)
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Appendix

3. (amended) The polynucleotide of claim [2] 19 wherein the [peptide or] polypeptide is fused to a carrier polypeptide or other carrier molecule.